THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The new proposals of rail-cum-road bridges during the Plan period are decided from time to time based on traffic requirement and other considerations with the consent of Road Authorities. At present, there is no firm plan regarding the new proposals to be taken up during 10th plan.

(b) and (c) The work of rail-cum-road bridge at Bagaha-Chhitauni in U.P. has recently been completed with completion of road decking. The work of rail-cum-road bridge at Bogibeel in Assam has been taken up and is planned to be completed in a period of 6 years subject to availability of resources. The work of rail bridge at Monghyr in Bihar was included in the Supplementary Budget 1997-98 with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances. However, based on demands, the final location survey has been conducted for rail-cum-road bridge and has recently been completed. The action for obtaining necessary clearances has been initiated. The completion of the work would depend on the availability of resources.

National Projects of the Railways

389. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Railway project considered as national projects indicating the project-cost and the allocation pattern;

(b) the project-wise break-up of the allocation made (i) from 10 per cent budgetary support and (ii) from the internal resources of the Railways for implementation of the on-going projects in the NE Railway; and

(c) the future provision made, proposed to be made to complete the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The work of construction of new broad gauge rail line between Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla section (290 Kms.) has been taken up as a 'National Project'. The approximate estimated cost of the project is Rs. 3244 crores. The pattern of allocation of funds is given as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget outlay
1994-1995	1.00
1995-1996	1.00
1996-1997	1.00
1997-1998	75.00
1998-1999	75.00
1999-2000	100.00
2000-2001	80.00
2001-2002	100.00
2002-2003	300.00

(b) and (c) All the projects in N.F. Railway are founded out of budgetary support. The future annual allocation of funds to various projects will depend on the availability of resources. The details of ongoing projects under execution on N.E. Railway indicating the year of sanction, anticipated cost, outlay expected up to 31.3.2002, balance to complete beyond 01.04.2002 and year-wise allocations up to 2002-2003 is given in Annexure (*See* Appendix 196 Annexure No. 7)

Unsustainable wages and pension liabilities in Railways

390. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Willl the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "wage, pension are liabilities on Railways", which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated the 17th May, 2002 regarding status paper on Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, what efforts are being proposed by Government to curtail "unsustainable" expenditure caused as a result of wages and pension liabilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.